

## To the Citizens of Pottawotamie County, Iowa.

DEAR FRIENDS:

During my late visit among you, a libellous letter over the signature of Daniel F. Miller, was published in the *Frontier Guardian*, EXTRA, and as many know, all contradiction or explanation was denied me through that organ, until the election was over.

The object, in my opinion, was to support *falsehood at the expense of truth*. The election is over, and the operators of the *Guardian* did not realize their expectations; and having failed at three successive elections, they may well begin to reflect whether their nett is not on the wrong side of the ship, for they have toiled three years and caught nothing. I here give you the statements of several of the first citizens of Charleston, Iowa, who were present on the occasion alluded to in Miller's letter, together with the certificate of Phineas H. Young, a member of our faith, and one of your county citizens.

CHARLESTON, August 16th, 1850.

Doctor J. D. McCrackwell and other citizens of Charleston,

Gentlemen—Please state whether you were present on the occasion referred to in Daniel F. Miller's letter to the *Frontier Guardian*, and published in their *Extra* of the 5th of August, and if so, state whether I, on that occasion, said that the *Democratic* party had furnished me with money to go to Pottawotamie county or not; did I on that occasion, indulge in any abuse of the citizens of Pottawotamie county, collective or individual; or in addition, did I say that I could buy their votes.

Yours very respectfully,

A. W. BABBITT.

MR. A. W. BABBITT:

Sir—We the undersigned citizens would state, in answer to your within questions, that we were present at Crippin's Tavern, and did not hear you make any of the within statements or abuses of the Pottawotamie citizens.

Yours with respect;

J. D. M. CROCKWELL, M. D.,  
WM. POTTS,  
JAMES H. BALL,  
SAMUEL MORRISON,  
A. J. MORRISON,  
JOHN HUFFORD.

I hereby certify that I visited Charleston, in company with A. W. Babbitt, on the 16th of August, and conversed with the most of the persons present, on the occasion referred to in D. F. Miller's letter, and did not find among them a person, *Wag or Deceitful*, that did not pronounce Miller's statements a libel on Mr. Babbitt.

PHINEAS H. YOUNG.

I further ascertained, while in Charleston, that one of the would-be magistrates that certified to Mr. Miller's letter, was one of the leading mobocrats of the county, and said to be the leader of the party that burned Clark's and Mott's wheat stacks—for further information on this subject, inquire of John Ballard, in Cartersville, a *Mormon* who is well posted up on these subjects; and from certificates now in the hands of Phineas Young, Mr. Miller is very far from being friendly to the *Mormons* at home. But a short time after he had received a majority of your votes, he objected to Samuel Poine, as a witness, for no other reason than that he was a *Mormon*, and abused them most shamefully, before the court and jury. I know him to be a man of two faces, and so far from being a *Jack Mormon*, he deserves the name of a *Jack Ass*.

But the general election is over, and the Editors of the *Guardian* and its *jobs*, have labored in vain, and brought forth in trouble; and now comes the special election, between Miller and Thompson: you may ask which shall we vote for? In answer, I will say, you know my advice has been given on two former occasions, not to vote for either party. My motto is, between two evils, choose neither. But if there is still a disposition to bring out the people to vote, my advice is, vote for Mr. Thompson. I have proved him for three years, two of the time smarting under the lash of your vote, and I must say in all justice to him, he has ever shown himself ready to do you justice: do so by him. Again, he has been three years in Congress, is acquainted with all the members, and with parliamentary rules, and can do more good for the time he has to serve, than any new member, however friendly he may be. I say then, to the friends of Deseret, (or Utah, as may be,) support Mr. Thompson, and I will vouch for a liberal friend to her immediate interest.

I am, fellow citizens, your friend and humble servant;

A. W. BABBITT.

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